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In the Claims

1. (previously presented) A method of configuring settings in an imaging device, comprising:

5 configuring said settings in said imaging device with default values, wherein said default values are calculated based on a plurality of previous externally adjusted values for said settings;

10 if at least one value for said settings is externally adjusted, configuring said settings in said imaging device with said at least one value;

receiving an indication that said settings are acceptable; and

15 determining whether to combine said at least one value for said settings in said imaging device with said plurality of previous externally adjusted values for subsequent uses of said default values.

2. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising storing said at least one value for said settings in a memory in said imaging device.

20 3. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein said indication comprises activation of a shutter release button.

4. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising retrieving said default values for said settings from a memory in said imaging device.

25 5. (cancelled)

6. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising retrieving said plurality of previous externally

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adjusted values from a memory in said imaging device.

7. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said default values are calculated by combining said plurality of previous externally adjusted values and determining an optimal value representing said plurality of previous externally adjusted values.

8. (previously presented) The method of claim 7, wherein said optimal value comprises a mean value of said plurality of previous externally adjusted values.

9-10. (cancelled)

11. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said determining always returns an indication to combine said at least one value for said settings with said plurality of previous externally adjusted values.

12. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said imaging device has an accumulation mode, and wherein said determining whether to combine said at least one value for said settings comprises reading a state of said accumulation mode.

13. (previously presented) The method of claim 12, further comprising not combining said at least one value for said settings if said accumulation mode is in a Discard state.

14. (previously presented) The method of claim 12, further comprising combining said at least one value for said settings if said accumulation mode is in an Add state.

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15. (previously presented) The method of claim 12, further comprising prompting a user to decide whether to combine said at least one value for said settings if said accumulation mode is in a Prompt state.

- 5 16. (previously presented) The method of claim 15, further comprising reading a user input to determine whether to combine said at least one value for said settings.

17-20. (cancelled)

- 10 21. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said combining said at least one value comprises storing said at least one value along with said plurality of previous externally adjusted values in said imaging device for use in subsequent calculations for said default values.

- 15 22. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said combining said at least one value comprises combining said at least one value with said ~~with said~~ plurality of previous externally adjusted values to form new default values and storing said new default values in said imaging device.